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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**SHERIFF.**  
I hereby announce myself a candidate  
for sheriff of Lincoln county, subject to  
the will of the republican convention.

**A. E. HUNTINGTON.**  
Ed. TRIBUNE.—Please announce that  
I am a candidate for sheriff, subject to  
the action of the republican county con-  
vention.

**I. B. BOSTWICK.**  
I announce myself as a candidate for  
sheriff, subject to the action of the re-  
publican county convention.

**WILEY MATTHEWS.**  
We are requested to announce the  
name of J. G. CRABTREE, of Myrtle, as a  
candidate for sheriff, subject to the will  
of the delegates in the republican county  
convention.

**My name will be presented to the re-  
publican county convention as a candi-  
date for sheriff, and the support of dele-  
gates is respectfully solicited.**

**R. A. McMURRAY.**  
Ed. TRIBUNE.—Please announce that I  
am a candidate for the office of sheriff,  
subject to the action of the republican  
county convention.

**W. S. VAUGHN.**  
**COUNTY CLERK.**  
We are requested to announce the  
name of S. C. WILLS as a candidate for  
county clerk, subject to the action of the  
republican county convention.

**My name is respectfully presented for  
consideration as a candidate for county  
clerk, subject to the decision of the re-  
publican county convention.**

**CECIL TULL.**  
**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT.**  
Ed. TRIBUNE.—Please announce that  
my name will be presented to the re-  
publican county convention as a candi-  
date for clerk of the district court, subject  
to the will of the delegates.

**C. C. HAWKINS.**  
**COUNTY JUDGE.**  
I hereby announce that I am a candi-  
date for the office of county judge, sub-  
ject to the approval of the republican  
county convention.

**J. H. BAKER.**  
**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.**  
Ed. TRIBUNE.—Please announce to the  
people of Lincoln county that I will be  
a candidate for the office of county su-  
perintendent, subject to the decision of  
the republican county convention.

**J. S. HINGLEY.**  
**COUNTY TREASURER.**  
The name of J. H. DERRYBERY, of  
Whitell, will be presented to the re-  
publican county convention as a candi-  
date for county treasurer, subject to the  
approval of the delegates.

At the head of this page we pub-  
lish the announcements of those  
candidates who have requested us  
so to do. The list does not embrace  
all those who are candidates, and  
those who have been omitted will  
please send in their announcements  
not later than Thursday evening.

**H. M. GRIMES' candidacy for dis-  
trict judge is worrying Colonel Ell-  
ingham fully as much as it does  
Judge Neville, and both are throw-  
ing every possible obstacle in  
Mr. Grimes' path. But they may  
as well take their medicine grace-  
fully. Mr. Grimes will be both  
nominated and elected.**

The basis of representation in  
the republican convention as fixed  
by the central committee will give  
a larger number of delegates than  
ever before assembled in a Lincoln  
county republican convention. We  
have always been in favor of large  
representations, notwithstanding the  
plea made by some that large  
bodies are difficult to handle.

According to the special Wash-  
ington correspondent of the Lincoln  
Journal the names most frequently  
mentioned in the nation's capital as  
the prospective nominee for pres-  
ident next year, by the republican  
party, those of Harrison and Allison  
by far lead all the field. Either  
would be an acceptable nomination  
to the rank and file of the party.

The people of Box Butte county  
are making hay out of the Russian  
thistle. They say that if cut at the  
right time it will make very good  
feed. Whatever else can be said  
they will be reasonably certain of a  
crop. As the thistle can be raised  
much easier than it can be exter-  
minated they have undoubtedly hit  
the right thing for assurance of  
success in crop raising.—Grant  
Herald-Sentinel.

The Kearney Hub publishes in  
full THE TRIBUNE's article headed  
"Let us Get a Move," and adds  
that it is "full of the right sort of  
spirit and suggestion." Enterpris-  
ing newspapers recognize the need  
of a rapid development of this sec-  
tion of Nebraska, but the public gen-  
erally does not seem to take much  
interest in the matter. THE TRIB-  
UNE will, however, keep pounding  
away with the hope that the people  
will some day awake.

AFTER a tremendous beating of  
tom-toms and sounding of hew-gags  
Nebraska was unrepresented at the  
national meeting of the free silver-  
ites last week in Washington. In  
the language of Casabianca, "Where  
oh where! was Bill Bryan and his  
wagging jaw?" Echo answers that  
he was trying to delude certain  
western people with his demi-fiat  
lectures, in the interests of silver  
bullionaires. But then as clients  
are rather scarce for him in his  
chosen profession, and he can no  
longer get a pull at the federal crib,  
it is not to be wondered at that he  
adopts this easy method of a liveli-  
hood.

There is a rather remarkable com-  
bination, which may be put forward  
for either of two purposes—to  
frighten Reed or injure Allison.

When you hear a man say there  
is no difference between the two old  
parties, ask him what made the  
difference in the condition of the  
country when one administration  
went out and the other went in.  
Ask him why the worst panic the  
country ever witnessed followed the  
accession of the democratic party  
to power. Why business was stag-  
nated, people thrown out of employ-  
ment by thousands, mill and factory  
closed, prices of all farm produce  
reduced to a lower point than they  
had reached for half a century, and  
everyone distressed. Then ask him  
why it was that as soon as a re-  
publican congress was elected times be-  
gan to get easy. Wages of a mil-  
lion men were increased ten per  
cent in nine months after a re-  
publican congress was assured, and  
that without a strike. Ask him why  
prices at once commenced to ad-  
vance and the country assumed an  
air of prosperity. If he is a pop,  
and of course he is, he will assign  
some trivial and childish reason, but  
you can truthfully tell him that the  
science of government is to make  
the people prosperous and happy;  
and the republican party has the  
right theory, and the democratic  
party the wrong theory. As long  
as the republican party rules as  
much will be contributed to the suc-  
cess and happiness of the people as  
can be by any government; but as  
soon as the democratic party as-  
sumes power trouble begins.—York  
Times.

**Presidential Speculation.**  
With nearly a year to elapse be-  
fore the national political conven-  
tions shall be held there can be lit-  
tle more than guessing in the specu-  
lation as to candidates. But each  
day brings some fresh gossip about  
political movements which is inter-  
esting because it shows the drift  
of sentiment in both parties in the  
last two months; and while there may  
be still further changes, it is clear  
that it will require good guessing  
to tell who will be the candidate of  
either party next year.

In the republican party three  
months ago all the talk was for  
Governor McKinley, of Ohio, then  
it was for Reed, of Maine, and when  
ex-President Harrison visited New  
York it centered about his name.  
Then came a boom for Governor  
Morton, of New York; another for  
Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania;  
and still another for Senator  
Davis of Minnesota. The latest  
gossip from the president makers is  
that New England will go into the  
convention for Reed, and, after the  
first ballot, swing to Senator Al-  
lison, of Iowa, with the understand-  
ing that Senator Chandler, of New  
Hampshire, shall be nominated for  
vice president, and that Senator  
Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachu-  
setts, shall be made secretary of  
state.

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bination, which may be put forward  
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There was a time when New En-  
gland could name the republican  
candidate for president. That was  
years ago. There was also a time  
when New York could dictate to the  
convention, but that time has  
passed. The center of population  
has moved west, to Illinois, and the  
center of political power has also  
moved westward. In the next re-  
publican convention New England,  
New York, New Jersey, and Penn-  
sylvania, together, will have 270  
delegates, the southern states, 234  
delegates, and the western states  
370 delegates. Whatever candidate  
shall have the west can be beaten  
only by a combination of the east  
and the south. It is not probable  
that any one man will have all the  
west, but it is just as reasonable to  
suppose that the west will stand  
together as it is to put down the  
east under one control, or the south  
as one political body.

Senator Allison will no doubt be  
a strong presidential favorite, but  
his strength will be in the west and  
will not depend upon any trade with  
New England. The gossip about  
such a trade may be for the purpose  
of injuring him in the west.

Rumor of another political com-  
bination comes from the west. The  
Kansas politicians seem to think  
Governor Morrill has gone east to  
make a trade with Mr. Reed, giving  
the Maine man the Kansas dele-  
gates on condition that New En-  
gland votes for Morrill for vice pres-  
ident. There is a freshness about  
this story that is delightful. Gov-  
ernor Morrill is a son of Maine, and  
an old friend of Mr. Reed. If the  
two men meet while Morrill is in  
Maine they will probably talk more  
about the fights they had in their  
school days than about any com-  
bination to run the next republican  
convention. They both know too  
much about politics to indulge in  
any such dreams. Neither one of  
them could deliver the goods.

In fact, republicans are not in the  
habit of sending cattle to their con-  
ventions to be traded about by the  
politicians. The delegates to the  
national convention will be elected  
at the proper time, and they will  
come pretty near knowing the pre-  
ferences of their states and districts  
before they go to the convention.  
There is not the slightest possi-  
bility of anybody's going to the con-  
vention with New England or the  
south or the west in his pocket to  
trade for places on the ticket. The  
convention will not do business  
that way.—Inter Ocean.

**THE CALIFORNIA IRRIGATION LAW.**  
The irrigation law of California  
has been several times sustained by  
the supreme court of the state, and  
so favorably has it been regarded  
that it has been made the basis of  
similar legislation by other states.  
It was, therefore, a very great sur-  
prise to the people of California  
when the United States circuit  
court recently pronounced the law  
invalid, on the ground that its pro-  
visions are in conflict with the fed-  
eral constitution.

The case under which the consti-  
tutionality of the act was tested  
was one affecting the assessment of  
land in the Fallbrook irrigation  
district, the complainant in the  
case asserting the invalidity of the  
law upon the grounds, among  
others that it provides for the tak-  
ing of private property without  
due process of law, contrary to the  
provisions of the fourteenth amend-  
ment of the constitution of the  
United States, and that the use for  
which such property is thereby  
authorized to be taken is not a pub-  
lic use. This contention was fully  
sustained by Judge Ross of the cir-  
cuit court, who held that the opera-  
tion of the law was for the benefit  
of specific individuals, and the  
interest of the public is nothing  
more than that indirect and collat-  
eral benefit that it derives from  
every improvement of a useful  
character that is made in the state.

"It is extremely plain," said the  
court, "that the legislative purpose  
embodied in this act cannot be vin-  
dicated on the plea that it directly  
conduces to the general welfare of  
the community. \* \* \* The effect  
of drainage is to cause a more  
plentiful product than the land  
would yield in its unclaimed con-  
dition. In this result the owner is  
directly interested, the community  
indirectly only, and it is a per-  
version of legal terms to call the en-  
terprise, on account of such collateral  
advantage, a public one." It was  
the view of the court that an ir-  
rigation district is not a public  
agency, because every person with-  
in such district is not entitled to  
the use of the water so provided  
upon the same terms and conditions  
as every other person, but only  
those persons who happen to own  
land in the district.

If this position is sound and the  
higher court sustains it, its effect  
will be to invalidate the irrigation  
act of other states based upon the  
California law, and thus a serious  
blow struck at the development of  
irrigation in the west, which would  
come to a halt because it would be  
impossible to induce capital to in-  
vest in the sort of enterprise until  
there was new legislation of estab-  
lished validity. The fact is there  
must always be more or less uncer-  
tainty in connection with state  
legislation regarding irrigation, and  
undoubtedly the matter will have  
to be dealt with ultimately by the  
general government. There is very  
strong opposition to this idea, but  
it will probably be found the only  
practicable way of solving the ir-  
rigation problem.—Bec

There was no fire to be seen then.  
In front of the house there was the sound  
of glass falling and people were rushing  
in night clothes in horror from the  
doors and appealing piteously from the  
windows for help. The explosion awoke  
the guests in the front part of the house  
and by the time the firemen reached the  
scene they were ready to be taken from  
the windows. The firemen, with torch  
and lantern, entered the hotel.

First to demand attention of the am-  
bulance corps was Michael C. Burgess,  
who was walking down Lawrence street  
opposite the hotel when the explosion  
occurred. The flying glass cut him  
about the head and face in a frightful  
manner. His injuries are very serious,  
though not necessarily fatal. He is a  
painter from Custer City, S. D.

Bud Hopkins, a bartender at the  
Gumby, was found on the ground floor  
of the hotel unconscious and bleeding  
from many cuts. His injuries are not  
serious.

Joe Munnal was found in the basement  
dressed only in his underclothes and  
was completely covered with ashes and  
dirt.

**Editor Parcell's Story.**  
W. G. Parcell and wife of Broken  
Bow, Neb., slept in room 17. Mr. Par-  
cell is publisher of the Custer County  
Chief.

"We awakened," said Mr. Parcell,

with a smothered feeling. I felt around  
and found that the bed clothing was  
covered with mortar and several inches  
of dust. I jumped up at the same time  
that the transom fell down with a loud  
report and effectually shut us in. I then  
smashed the window in order to get  
some air, and saw the debris on the  
street below. I did not feel any up-  
heaval and experienced no injury. Mr.  
and Mrs. Parcell escaped by the stairway.

The hotel was divided about the cen-  
ter by a rotunda or court running to the  
top of the building, though covered at  
the second floor. The building had been  
split in two at this point or division,  
and the entire five stories back of the  
rotunda were thrown into a shapeless  
mass in the alley. Five stories of brick  
and wood and iron, with the human oc-  
cupants, were made a mere heap of  
death-containing ruins. The fragments  
of the wreck on Lawrence street towered  
up into the air, dark and yawning,  
while a great section of roof hung in  
threatening suspension over the chaos  
below. Out of the pile of brick, wood  
and iron below there came feeble moans  
and piteous cries for help.

A fireman clambering up the moun-  
tain of ruins felt his feet crunch against  
human flesh. He reached down and  
touched with his hand an arm protrud-  
ing from the mass beneath him. There  
still seemed to be no fire. The blaze  
had been smothered by the falling build-  
ing, and the firemen devoted their ef-  
forts to the work of rescue. And then  
suddenly the flames broke out and the  
workers were driven away and the  
voices ceased to cry for help. The great  
mass was from that moment nothing  
but a grave.

Five bodies have been recovered.  
Judge James Glynn, whose name is in  
the list of missing, had a room at the  
hotel, but it is not positively known  
that he occupied a room last night. He  
was a prominent Populist and served  
one term as district judge in the Thir-  
teenth judicial district.

N. Carstens of Yutan, Neb., who  
travels for the large wholesale house of  
Harris & Son of St. Louis, was one of  
the guests who escaped. He says:  
"When I heard the terrific noise and  
then smelled smoke I imagined the  
hotel must be on fire. I partially  
dressed myself and grabbed the rest  
of my clothing only to find that I  
could not force open the door to my  
room. I was on the third floor and  
could not get out of the window. No  
one can imagine the suffering that I en-  
dured in those few minutes, which  
seemed years, until some brave fireman  
broke in the door and I was released."

Mr. Carstens said Mrs. John Schmit-  
tel and her two sons, aged 14 and 19,  
who came here from Lincoln, Neb.,  
and who recently purchased a res-  
taurant, made a miraculous escape.  
"Mrs. G. R. Wolfe of Lincoln, Neb.,"  
said Mr. Carstens, "was also in the  
hotel. I have searched for her all  
morning and cannot hear of her, so I  
fear she is still in the ruins, though I  
hope not."

General Charles Adams, whose body  
is believed to be under the ruins of the  
hotel, was well known in mining and  
political circles in Colorado. He had  
been a resident of the state since the  
early days, and formerly took a promi-  
nent part in politics as a Republican. In  
1878, at the time of the Ute troubles, he  
was Indian agent at the Ouray reserva-  
tion. Following the expiration of that  
appointment he was sent to China as  
United States consul, and served in  
that capacity for a number of years.

**Heavy Marsh Fires.**  
MILWAUKEE, Aug. 19.—Heavy marsh  
fires, running under the sod and break-  
ing out in unexpected places, are  
burning on what is known as the "Big  
Marsh," in Palmyra, Hebron and Cold  
Springs townships, covering an extent  
of thousands of acres. Much valuable  
hay of this year's crop has already been  
burned and more must go. The burned  
ground is ruined for years to come, as  
the fire penetrated deep, destroying its  
fertility. Men and boys, volunteers,  
are fighting a fire that only long, heavy  
rains will extinguish.

**Work of Incendiaries.**  
CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Discoveries made  
by the police today led to the belief  
that last night's fire in the "castle" of  
H. H. Holmes was of incendiary origin.  
Several people living near the burned  
building saw two men enter the house  
shortly before the fire broke out and  
leave with great haste. A search of the  
place reveals a half can of gasoline in  
secret stairway leading to the basement  
and search is being made for the men  
who are supposed to have started the  
blaze.

**Washington Forest Fires.**  
SEATTLE, Aug. 19.—Settlers along  
Lake Samish report that there is an un-  
broken line of forest fires from Belfair  
to the lake, destroying large as well as  
small timber and rendering the atmos-  
phere thick with smoke. A settler last  
week met two cougars near his house,  
and as he was unarmed he had to give  
them the road. There is much alarm  
throughout the community.

**Died From His Injuries.**  
ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—Alex C. Sher-  
wood, member of the state Democratic  
executive committee from the Thirteenth  
district, died today from the effects of a  
50-foot fall at the Jockey clubhouse last  
night.

**Seventeen Drowned.**  
HAMBURG, Aug. 19.—A boat contain-  
ing 25 passengers was run down and  
sunk today by the steamer Concordia,  
from Stude. Seventeen persons were  
drowned.

**Sunk In the Mississippi.**  
CAIRO, Ill., Aug. 19.—The steamer  
City of Sheffield struck an obstruction  
in the Mississippi river back of Cairo  
and sank.

**Scriptor Volk Dead.**  
CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Leonard Volk,  
the noted sculptor, died suddenly at his  
home at Osceola.

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the Terrible Catastrophe.

## SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD.

Now Thought That the Number of Killed  
Will Not Exceed a Score—General  
Charles Adams of Manitou  
Among the Victims.

DENVER, Aug. 19.—The fire in the  
ruins of the Gumby hotel, wrecked by  
a boiler explosion soon after midnight,  
has been extinguished and the search  
for the dead has begun. A large force  
of men and teams is engaged in haul-  
ing away the debris. At 11 o'clock one  
body, which was not identified, had  
been removed from the ruins and sev-  
eral more were in sight. The number  
of killed will not exceed 20.

Out of 40 or more people who were  
certainly in the hotel when the explo-  
sion occurred, a score were got out safe-  
ly, three were rescued with more or  
less serious injuries, and the others are  
unquestionably lying dead beneath the  
ruins and indescribable mass of bricks  
and shattered beams and twisted iron.  
The firemen are laboring at the work of  
excavation, but it will be many hours,  
and perhaps days, before the certain  
horror of that heap of destruction can  
be fully told.

The death list includes the owner of  
the hotel, Peter Gumby, the manager,  
Robert C. Greiner, and his wife, who  
acted as day clerk. They are known to  
have been in the rear of the building,  
and could not possibly have escaped.

Before fire added to the horrors of  
the explosion the firemen were appealed to  
by men and women and babies  
whose lives were being crushed out in  
the ruins. Then the fire broke out and  
that ended it. Jose Munnal of Cairo, Ill.,  
was rescued after an hour's work, and  
it is certain that no more of the victims  
can be alive.

A. E. Erwin, the night clerk, who,  
with the bartender, William Rabbe,  
had a miraculous escape, went over the  
register for the last few days this morning  
and endeavored to call to mind the oc-  
cupants of the different rooms. He  
says there were between 80 and 90 peo-  
ple registered, and 16 were occupying  
back rooms, where it was more difficult  
to escape.

**The Dead.**  
PETER GUMBY, owner of the hotel.  
R. C. GREINER, manager of the hotel,  
son-in-law of Gumby.

Mrs. R. C. GREINER, clerk of the hotel,  
daughter of Peter Gumby.  
GENERAL CHARLES ADAMS of Manitou.  
A. L. BLAKE of Pueblo.

MYRON E. HAWLEY, clerk in the freight  
department of the Union Pacific railroad  
office.

JAMES MURPHY, contractor.  
GEORGE BURT, passenger conductor on  
the Rock Island road, Colorado Springs.  
Mrs. G. R. WOLFE, Lincoln, Neb.

THREE CHAMBERMAIDS AND ONE BELL  
BOY.

**List of the Missing.**  
MR. GREINER, father of R. C. Greiner.  
BUD BURNER, Colorado Springs.  
JUDGE GALTEN, Leadville, Colo.

F. FRECH.  
BERT F. LAITSCH, Central City.  
W. F. CARSON, Pueblo.

E. F. MCCLUSKEY, Canon City.  
J. H. LELAND was discovered alive in  
the ruins about 7 o'clock. He was  
jammed between an ice box and timbers  
in such shape that it was impossible  
to remove him for several hours. One of  
his arms was crushed and he may have  
sustained internal injuries, but his re-  
covery is confidently expected.

Mrs. G. R. Wolfe, who had only yes-  
terday arrived from Lincoln, Neb., had  
just went to her room on the fourth  
floor. Mrs. Wolfe's husband left her  
yesterday to go to Pueblo.

There is no doubt the disaster was  
caused by a boiler explosion. Frank  
Loescher, the engineer, it is said, was  
intoxicated and after turning a large  
quantity of cold water in the hot boilers  
left the building 10 minutes before the  
explosion occurred. The police are  
looking for him.

**Rear Half Blown to Atoms.**  
The whole rear half of the hotel was  
blown to atoms and the front portions  
are merely shattered and burned frag-  
ments of a house. The force of the ex-  
plosion was so great that for two blocks  
on Lawrence street and for some dis-  
tance on Larimer street every window in  
the business blocks lie shattered in  
pieces upon the pavements. It was a  
catastrophe complete and pitiless in its  
horrors.

The dust had cleared away somewhat  
when the firemen reached the place.  
In front of the house there was the sound  
of glass falling and people were rushing  
in night clothes in horror from the  
doors and appealing piteously from the  
windows for help. The explosion awoke  
the guests in the front part of the house  
and by the time the firemen reached the  
scene they were ready to be taken from  
the windows. The firemen, with torch  
and lantern, entered the hotel.

First to demand attention of the am-  
bulance corps was Michael C. Burgess,  
who was walking down Lawrence street  
opposite the hotel when the explosion  
occurred. The flying glass cut him  
about the head and face in a frightful  
manner. His injuries are very serious,  
though not necessarily fatal. He is a  
painter from Custer City, S. D.

Bud Hopkins, a bartender at the  
Gumby, was found on the ground floor  
of the hotel unconscious and bleeding  
from many cuts. His injuries are not  
serious.

Joe Munnal was found in the basement  
dressed only in his underclothes and  
was completely covered with ashes and  
dirt.

**Editor Parcell's Story.**  
W. G. Parcell and wife of Broken  
Bow, Neb., slept in room 17. Mr. Par-  
cell is publisher of the Custer County  
Chief.

"We awakened," said Mr. Parcell,

with a smothered feeling. I felt around  
and found that the bed clothing was  
covered with mortar and several inches  
of dust. I jumped up at the same time  
that the transom fell down with a loud  
report and effectually shut us in. I then  
smashed the window in order to get  
some air, and saw the debris on the  
street below. I did not feel any up-  
heaval and experienced no injury. Mr.  
and Mrs. Parcell escaped by the stairway.

The hotel was divided about the cen-  
ter by a rotunda or court running to the  
top of the building, though covered at  
the second floor. The building had been  
split in two at this point or division,  
and the entire five stories back of the  
rotunda were thrown into a shapeless  
mass in the alley. Five stories of brick  
and wood and iron, with the human oc-  
cupants, were made a mere heap of  
death-containing ruins. The fragments  
of the wreck on Lawrence street towered  
up into the air, dark and yawning,  
while a great section of roof hung in  
threatening suspension over the chaos  
below. Out of the pile of brick, wood  
and iron below there came feeble moans  
and piteous cries for help.

A fireman clambering up the moun-  
tain of ruins felt his feet crunch against  
human flesh. He reached down and  
touched with his hand an arm protrud-  
ing from the mass beneath him. There  
still seemed to be no fire. The blaze  
had been smothered by the falling build-  
ing, and the firemen devoted their ef-  
forts to the work of rescue. And then  
suddenly the flames broke out and the  
workers were driven away and the  
voices ceased to cry for help. The great  
mass was from that moment nothing  
but a grave.

Five bodies have been recovered.  
Judge James Glynn, whose name is in  
the list of missing, had a room at the  
hotel, but it is not positively known  
that he occupied a room last night. He  
was a prominent Populist and served  
one term as district judge in the Thir-  
teenth judicial district.

N. Carstens of Yutan, Neb., who  
travels for the large wholesale house of  
Harris &amp